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December 31, 1960

Reverend Michael P. Walsh, S. J.
President, Boston College
Chestnut Hill 67, Massachusetts

Dear Father Walsh:

Thank you for your letter of December 24, on behalf of the Trustees of Boston College, inviting me to come to your commencement exercises next June to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

I would feel honored indeed to be the recipient of this high distinction, and I send you herewith my acceptance of your invitation to be present at your Commencement next June 14, unless unforeseen and unforeseeable emergencies prevent.

With all good wishes to you and Boston College, I remain

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Reverend Michael P. Walsh, S. J.
President, Boston College
Chestnut Hill 67, Massachusetts

Dear Father Walsh:

Thank you for your letter of December 22, on behalf of the Trustees of Boston College, inviting me to come to your commencement exercises next June to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

I feel honored, indeed, to be the recipient of this high distinction from your fine institution, and to send my acceptance. As far as I can anticipate my schedule for next June, I will be present for the occasion.

With all good wishes to you and Boston College,

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. It is RECOMMENDED that you accept the attached invitation from Boston College to be awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the commencement next June 12. A suggested reply to President Walsh's letter of December 22 is attached.
2. It is noted that this award does not call for an address.
3. For your information, eight honorary degrees were awarded at the last commencement at Boston College in June 1960, as follows:

Charles H. Malik, Lebanon delegate to UN, and President of the UN General Assembly at that time;

Miss Marion Anderson, the singer;

J. Peter Grace, president of W. R. Grace & Company;

Caryl P. Haskins, head of the Carnegie Institution of Washington;
Robert F. Kennedy;

Samuel K. Morison, Harvard University historian;

The Rev. Russell J. McVinney, Bishop of Providence;

The Rev. Matthew P. Stapleton, Biblical scholar.

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Acting Assistant to the Director

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